

# News Release



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## Buffer land/Expanded OHV Use Possible

## **Off-Highway Commission Oks Addition To Prairie City SVRA**

SACRAMENTO – California's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission approved a resolution Monday supporting the purchase of a 211-acre addition to the Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area,

The parcel, referred to as the Yost property, is surrounded on three sides by the Prairie City SVRA.

"The purchase of this property is critical to the long-term viability of Prairie City SVRA, and has long been desired as an addition to the SVRA," said Tony Perez, Chief of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division of California State Parks. "The property provides for buffer land and for possible expansion of OHV recreation" in the park.

Funds for the purchase will come from the OHV Trust Fund that is funded primarily from motor vehicle fuel taxes attributable to the recreational use of vehicles off-highway.

The proposed purchase will next be considered by the Public Works Board of the state's Department of Finance.

Once State Parks takes possession of the property, no change of use would take place until appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation is completed, and the OHV Commission approves plans for its use.

Prairie City is at the base of the Sierra Nevada, and sits about 20 miles east of downtown Sacramento and three miles south of U.S. 50. The park currently covers 836 acres of rolling hills, and has flat, open grasslands, rolling hills with native blue oak trees and acres of cobbled mine tailings.

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The SVRA has motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle and four-wheel drive open areas. There is also a quarter-midget track; go-kart track; clay oval track, mud drags and a four-wheel drive obstacle course. There are also shaded picnic sites with barbecues and water.

For nearly four decades Prairie City SVRA and its Hangtown MX track has hosted one of the premier competitive and spectator events of its type in the U.S., the Hangtown Motocross Classic.

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